

**COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY  
e-COURT SUBCOMMITTEE  
APPELLATE COURTS SUBTEAM  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**March 7, 2011**  
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**State Courts Building Room 415**

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**SUPREME COURT MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Justice Andrew Hurwitz  
Clerk Rachelle Resnick  
Staff Attorney Ellen Crowley

**APPEALS DIVISION ONE  
MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chief Judge Ann Timmer  
Judge Larry Winthrop  
Clerk Ruth Willingham  
Jeremiah Matthews

**APPEALS DIVISION TWO MEMBERS  
PRESENT**

Clerk Jeff Handler\*

**AOC STAFF & GUESTS**

Stewart Bruner, *ITD*  
Dan Carrion, *Maricopa Public Defender's Office*  
Karl Heckart, *ITD*  
Jim Price, *ITD*

\* indicates appeared via telephone

**OBTAINING ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS**

Justice Hurwitz recapped a conversation with Justice Ryan about the fate of the Keeping the Record Committee. Judge Winthrop, who has had dialogue with the court reporters, said that they are not averse to providing electronic transcripts in criminal, juvenile, and civil cases, but training is needed. (The clerks would prefer filing through TurboCourt, rather than using attachments to e-mails.) The clerks have also raised issues about TurboCourt's registration requirement for a bar number and Appellamotion's double event entry process. Since bar numbers are not yet validated in TurboCourt, members decided to assign a registration number to court reporters and to communicate that number as part of the training. Court Services can do a training session specifically tailored for the reporters.

Justice Hurwitz spun off a workgroup headed by Judge Winthrop to coordinate this issue. Judge Winthrop stated that he will communicate with Alan Sontag about training and continue to consult with the court reporters.

**TURBOCOURT APPELLATE E-FILING**

The clerks provided cumulative numbers of filings in TurboCourt. Dan Carrion from the Maricopa Public Defender's Office asked about the transition from ACE to AZTurboCourt. All defenders' offices will need to be trained ahead of the deadline for mandatory e-filing. Rachelle Resnick will follow up with the defender agencies to obtain contacts for training session.

## **PRIORITIZING APPELLATE AUTOMATION ENHANCEMENTS**

Rachelle distributed the list of desired enhancements to TurboCourt, Appellamotion, and C2C compiled by the Supreme Court and Division One and arranged by deadline lengths. Karl Heckart focused attention on the items in the “must have now” category, especially items that cannot be accomplished as requested or that will take longer than a couple of months to remedy. The group discussed possible workarounds or compromises on these items. Decisions included moving the party name and role validation function to the clerk review module, addressing the lag problem in the short term by using electronic notes, and fixing other non-recurrent issues when they arise rather than designing various validation functions. Karl noted that the other items on the list can be put in place by June to enable mandatory e-filing at the appellate level.

## **OTHER UPDATES AND ISSUES**

Rachelle raised two issues for discussion related to inconsistencies in practice between various courts. The decision was made to match Division One and Division Two practices by also not charging in the Supreme Court for mental health petitions for review. Following discussion about whether or not to charge an application fee to private attorneys filing on behalf of government entities, the decision was made, for the sake of consistency, to retain the current workaround of having attorneys register using two different e-mail addresses – one for private clients and one for government clients.

Judge Timmer raised the ongoing issue of Division One’s judges and clerks not obtaining sufficient access to case data and electronic documents from the Maricopa Clerk’s Office. Justice Hurwitz offered to take up the issue at a managerial level, but Karl will first review the situation with Rich McHattie to see what options he offers to solve the problems.

## **WRAP UP**

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled during the first week in April to report on progress and resolve any issues.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.